

by unanimous consent. Dr. Martin is the first librarian to lead IMLS, formed in 1996.

Under Dr. Martin's leadership, IMLS launched a new grant program to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians. The program, announced by Mrs. Bush in January 2002, seeks to off-set a pending national shortage of librarians due to retirements. Dr. Martin acted as co-host to Mrs. Bush for two seminal White House conferences, one on school libraries and the other on libraries, museums, and lifelong learning. In 2004, Dr. Martin will make the inaugural grants for "Museums for America," to sustain heritage, support lifelong learning, and provide centers for community engagement.

A librarian, archivist, educator, and administrator, Dr. Martin was Professor and Interim Director of the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Women's University prior to his appointment at IMLS. From 1995 to 1999, he was Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

From 1985 until 1995, Dr. Martin was Associate Dean of Libraries for Special Collections at Louisiana State University. Before that, he worked in the archives and special collections at the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Texas at Austin. He also taught at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

He has authored and co-authored several scholarly treatises including two best-selling books, *Maps of Texas and the Southwest, 1513-1900* (1984, 1999) and *Contours of Discovery: Printed Maps Delineating the Texas and Southwestern Chapters of the Cartographic History of North America, 1513-1930* (1982). The books reflect another area of Dr. Martin's research interests and expertise: the history of the American southwest.

Dr. Martin has a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Masters of Library Science from the University of North Texas, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Rice University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Dr. Robert Martin. Our Nation is served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Dr. Martin, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Dr. Martin well as he inaugurates the Hayes Presidential Center's first annual "Hayes Lecture on Leadership."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, due to an event in my Congressional District I was unable to vote on the following two bills:

Rollcall vote No. 151—H. Con. Res. 326, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release; and Rollcall vote No. 152—H. Con. Res. 398, expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons.

I support each of these resolutions and would have voted "Yea" for both had I been

present. I ask unanimous consent that my statement be inserted into the RECORD at the appropriate place.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, due to weather related flight delays, I was absent for votes on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. As a result, I was not recorded for rollcall votes Nos. 153, 154 and 155. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 153, "aye" on No. 154 and "aye" on No. 155.

TRIBUTE TO WEST POINT'S SERVICE AMERICA PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, recently I had the honor of visiting with the Corps of Cadets, faculty, and staff at the United States Military Academy. I am very grateful to Lieutenant General William Lennox, Jr., Superintendent; Colonel Russell Howard, Social Sciences Department Head; Colonel Robert Gordon III, Director, American Politics Program; and, of course, to the Cadets for having me.

In addition to being able to visit with cadets and their world-class faculty, I had the opportunity to learn of West Point's Service America Program. Serving one's nation can take many forms. I found it especially inspiring that as the West Point cadets, America's sons and daughters, are preparing to defend our freedoms, they have created still another way to serve our great nation.

Under the leadership of Colonel Gordon and many others, since 1997, cadets have been serving young people during the summer months through the Academy's Service America Program in Bremerton and Spokane, Washington; Chicago, Illinois; and Austin, Texas. The cadets have partnered with state and local AmeriCorps programs, America's Promise, the National Civilian Community Corps, and private foundations.

In the past six years, 161 cadets have participated in West Point's Service America Program. The cadets have spent almost 8,000 hours teaching children in the classroom and have tutored or mentored over 1,000 youngsters. Their total community service exceeds 20,000 volunteer hours. Cadets say Service America helps prepare them to become better officers. Cadets are refining their leadership skills through positions of authority in community projects, are working cooperatively with AmeriCorps volunteers in solving problems, and are mentoring young persons from diverse backgrounds and ages.

Mr. Speaker, I commend West Point and the cadets for their selfless service to our country, both on and off the battlefield. I knew that West Point was a national treasure long before I visited there. Now more than ever, I know why.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NATALIE PHILLIPS ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Natalie Phillips of Northwood, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Natalie's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy with the incoming cadet class of 2008. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education, and demands the very best that these young women and men have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Natalie brings a special mix of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. While attending Northwood High School, Natalie has attained a grade point average of 3.94, which ranks 2nd out of the 80 students in her class. During her time at Northwood High School, Natalie has received several commendations for her superior scholastic efforts. During her first year, Natalie was named to the High Honor Roll and received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award. Her second year was again marked by her being named to the High Honor Roll along with being named a "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Natalie has maintained this high level of achievement throughout her tenure at Northwood High School.

Outside the classroom, Natalie has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete and dedicated citizen of Northwood, Ohio. Natalie has been very active on the Northwood High School Varsity golf team. She has served as team captain and has lettered multiple times. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Natalie is an active member in her community by participating in the Spanish Club, Key Club and Student Council.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Natalie Phillips. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Natalie will do very well during her career at the Air Force Academy and I wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

IN TRIBUTE TO JACK BROOME
AND JOHN W. BORCHARD, JR.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Jack Broome and John W. Borchard, Jr., the first recipients of the Catherine McAuley Lifetime Achievement Award presented by St. John's Regional Medical Center